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TELEPHONE SERVICES BY PRIVATE COMPANICES IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private companies have been permitted to start basic phone service in Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of the companies allowed to start the basic phone service;

(c) the conditions on which these companies have been allowed to operate this service; and

(d) how for the revenue earning of the MTNL is to be affected as a result therof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd., M/s Reliance Communications Ltd. and M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd. have been granted licence to start basic phone service in Delhi after fulfilling the eligibility criteria, payment of entry fee, submissioin of Performance Bank Guarantee.

(d) The competition in basic telephone service sector will result in efficiency and better service to the consumers. In a fast changing technological scenario, with the introduction of new features and facilities by the various service operators including MTNL, it is not possible to quantify at this stage the effect on the revenues of MTNL.